



“The City With a Heart”

Larry Franzella, Mayor
Jim Ruane, Vice Mayor
Ken Ibarra, Councilmember
Irene O’Connell, Councilmember
Chris Pallas, Councilmember

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2005

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

The San Bruno City Council met in regular session on April 12, 2005, at the Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Franzella thanked the **San Bruno Garden Club** for providing the beautiful floral arrangement.

1. ROLL CALL: Mayor Franzella presiding with Councilmembers Ruane, Ibarra, Pallas, and O’Connell in attendance. Recorded by City Clerk Simon. Clerk Simon led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Franzella welcomed Capuchino High School Students. Winners of the 2005 Lions Club Youth in Government Essay Contest will be participating in the **45th Annual Youth Week** festivities held from April 5th through April 15th. Students will visit City Hall Thursday April 14 to learn more about how local government functions and prepare to hold their own Mock City Council meeting. Students in attendance were Tagreed Shamieh, Tina Rollin, Melissa Collins, Gina Rodondi, Kady Weatherford, and Ryan Cardoza.

Councilmember Ibarra, speaking on behalf of the San Bruno Lions Club, explained the Youth in Government Program. He and Councilmember O’Connell attended a dinner last week to recognize the students who won the essay contest.

PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Mayor Franzella presented **25-year Service Award and Pin** to Cable TV Technician Ignacio Centinaje. Mr. Centinaje thanked the City Council for the recognition and said he enjoys working for the City of San Bruno.
- b. Certificate of Recognition to **Vice Chair Dave Nigel, San Bruno Parks and Recreation Commissioner**, who was honored as the first Parks and Recreation Commissioner to be inducted in the California Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members Association’s Hall of Fame. **Mayor Franzella** said this is a very important award to a 44-year resident and 35-year member of the San Bruno Parks & Recreation Commission. Mr. Nigel thanked the City Council and City Staff plus his wife Rose for allowing him to put in the extra time. Commissioner Nigel was given a “standing ovation” by all those in attendance.
- c. Proclamation declaring the week of April 25 through May 1, 2005, as **West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week** in the City of San Bruno. Presented to San Bruno’s representative to the San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District, Robert Riechel. Mr. Riechel said this proclamation is very timely because a bird testing positive for the virus has just been found in San Mateo County. He presented new posters and revised brochures to be placed at City Hall, Senior Center, and the Library. San Bruno CATV will run information also.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. **Fireworks stand permit applications** are now available for San Bruno based non-profit groups. Completed applications must be returned to the City Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. May 2, 2005. If more than eighteen qualified applications are received, a Lottery will be held to determine which non-grandfathered organizations will receive a permit.
- b. **San Bruno Chamber of Commerce** President Karin Cunningham announced the Chamber's Business Expo and Taste of San Bruno, which are scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2005. Karin Cunningham gave details of the event. It will be held at the Senior Center starting at 5:00 p.m.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA: No changes were made.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The regular City Council meeting minutes of March 22, 2005, were approved as submitted.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items listed are considered routine or implement an earlier Council action and may be enacted by one motion; there will be no separate discussion unless requested by Councilmember, citizen or staff.

- a. **Approve: Payroll** of March 25, 2005.
- b. **Approve: Accounts Payable** of February 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2005 (Council Packets only, copy is available for review at the City Clerk's office)
- c. **Approve:** Fire Chief Voreyer recommends City Council give authorization to apply for FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program to replace **self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)** in the Fire Department.
- d. **Approve:** Public Works Director Munns recommends the City Council Adopt Resolution Authorizing the **Acceptance of the Well No. 20 Filtration System Project Improvements**, and the Filing of a Notice of Completion with the San Mateo County Recorder.
- e. **Approve:** Public Works Director Munns recommends the City Council Adopt Resolution Authorizing the **Acceptance of the Well No. 20 Wellhead Facilities Project Improvements**, and the Filing of a Notice of Completion with the San Mateo County Recorder.

M/S Ruane/Ibarra to approve the consent calendar and passed with a unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Notices have been published, posted, and mailed.) **None**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Police Chief Violet and Police Corporal Phillips presented an oral report on the recent **cultural sensitivity training and travel experience to Tonga**. Police Chief Violet introduced Corporal Phillips who gave a power point presentation detailing his visit to Tonga. Gang activity from Tongan youth has been on the increase and the objective was to learn about the culture of the Tongan community. The Shops at Tanforan, San Bruno Rotary Club, and the Police Officers Association paid for the trip. Mr. Emile Hons from Tanforan was very helpful since he spent two years in Tonga doing Peace Corp work.

Councilmember Ibarra asked what should the citizens be looking for to help the police department? Corporal Phillips replied if citizens see any large group of individuals gathering and if it doesn't seem right to call the police.

Police Chief Violet said he has received telephone calls from all over the United States from police departments interested in what San Bruno is doing. Training of other officers will start April 28, 2005, in San Bruno and then we will move on to San Mateo and Burlingame police departments. Many meetings have been held with local Tongan leaders with the help of the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center. The United Methodist Church in San Bruno and San Carlos, who serve a large Tongan population, has provided trained facilitators. Saint Bruno's Catholic Church and the Mormon Church on Sneath Lane in San Bruno have also been very helpful.

Councilmember Pallas asked if there are rival gangs in Tonga and is it just the youth getting out of hand?

Chief Violet said the problem is mostly with the youth, teenaged years up to the mid-twenties. Corporal Phillips said there is no such problem in Tonga because the family plays a larger part in raising the child. Many of the young people here come home to an empty house because both parents are working to make ends meet. Councilmember Pallas said today we have many single parents and no one is home when students get out of school at 3:00 p.m. We need to make sure there is other activities available to keep the young people busy and out of trouble.

David Taumoepeau said there has been much outreach and goodwill created by the work of Chief Violet. By reaching out to the Faith groups the kids are starting to respond to the efforts of the police department.

Carolyn Livengood of Cheryl Drive said this problem is shared by many of the cultural groups, not just the Tongans.

Mayor Franzella thanked all who participated in this very worthwhile project and asked that the Council be kept informed of the progress.

7. CALL FOR, PRESENTATION OF BIDS, and AWARD OF CONTRACT:

Finance Director O'Leary recommended City Council adopt resolution-approving award of contract to lowest bidder IMR Roofing Corp. in the amount of \$ 92,500 for **San Bruno Fire Station No. 51 Roof Replacement Project**. Director O'Leary gave the staff report. Bids were as high as \$132,000 and there was a recommendation to change the roof scope for better drainage.

Councilmember Pallas said we seem to always have trouble with City Hall Complex roofs with many leaking problems. How do we know the lowest bidder will do the job right?

Director O'Leary said his office followed up with calls to references and have held meetings with the principals.

Councilmember Ibarra said structural repair will be needed and how much of the Capital Improvement Budget will be used? Director O'Leary replied we couldn't be certain of the damage until work begins; however, it is anticipated that we will use all of the Capital Improvement and Equipment Reserve funds earmarked for this project.

Vice Mayor Ruane introduced the resolution for adoption with a roll call vote of all ayes.

8. COMMUNICATIONS: None

9. STAFF REPORTS: None

10. REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY - RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

No one wished to address the City Council at this time.

12. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES:

- a. Adopt resolution-**prohibiting drinking of alcoholic beverages** in designated San Bruno City Parks. Parks and Recreation Services Director Mazzuca introduced Parks and Recreation Services Manager Danielle Brewer to give the staff report. Manager Brewer reviewed the findings of the Parks and Recreation Commission. San Bruno is the only City in San Mateo County, which still allows unregulated alcohol use in its Park system. Parks with reserve picnic sites, which are City Park, Grundy Park, and Commodore Park; would allow alcohol use by permit application only. This would provide for some regulation and give assistance to the Police department.

Mayor Franzella acknowledged the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission in attendance and asked Chair Rico Medina to make comments on their behalf.

Mr. Medina said the Commission is in agreement with the staff report. This is a pro-active approach to an ongoing problem and concern. Some of the previous alcohol related problems at Forest Lane Park have moved to the Belle Air Park area. The resolution and change to our policy will not ban alcohol use completely; however, this will help us maintain the quality of our parks as we are accustomed to.

Councilmember Ibarra asked if the reserved picnic areas are used during the week and if this would be the only area where alcohol can be used? Manager Brewer replied yes, picnic sites are sometimes reserved during the week not just weekends.

Councilmember Ibarra said this makes sense and gives the police a clear resource for enforcement.

Vice Mayor Ruane asked if there was consideration by the Commission to ban alcohol completely and if not why members favor the permit process? Manager Brewer replied there was a recommendation to ban alcohol completely; however, the majority of the Commission wanted to see how effective the permit system would be and have the option to come back later if it didn't work.

Vice Mayor Ruane asked how the permit process would work and if there would be a situation where a permit would not be issued? Manager Brewer replied the alcohol permit would be issued by the Recreation Department when the site is rented. If there is knowledge of a problem with an existing group we would not issue a permit and this would go through the police department.

Mayor Franzella asked how the staff would inform the public that a permit is now needed? Manager Brewer replied at the time an application is requested, an explanation of alcohol by permit only will be given. All reservations are done in person and the ones currently on the books would be notified of the new regulation.

Councilmember Ibarra asked if the rental fee for the spaces is sufficient enough to pay for the clean up? Director Mazzuca replied the City receives \$70,000 per year in rental fees. If we can tie damage to a specific user, staff will attempt to recover the extra cost. Broken glass in the playground sand is very hard to clean up. Councilmember Ibarra thanked the Commission and staff for the great work.

Councilmember Ibarra introduced the resolution for adoption with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mayor Franzella said he and the Council appreciates all the work done by the Parks and Recreation Commission and Recreation staff. Thank you for all the hard work.

- b.** Beautification Task Force (O’Connell) announced plans for the **7th Annual Operation Clean Sweep** to be held on Saturday May 7, 2005. This year’s motto, “Plant Pride Not Litter”. To register call 616-7145 or online at www.sanbruno.ca.gov. **Councilmember O’Connell** said there will be gifts for the volunteers and encouraged all students to sign up. This year we may have the National Guard back to help us and we will work on cleaning up the Caltrain right-of-way. Tammy Del Bene and Carolyn Livengood were recognized for their past help on this project, along with City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Thompson, and City Clerk Simon. Come Rain or Shine we will hold this event.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Ibarra announced the upcoming 65th Annual Posy Parade Sunday June 5, 2005. He will be this year’s Chairman of the San Bruno Lions event. Fliers are due out soon.

Robert Riechel of 7th Avenue asked if there would be an announcement of the next meeting for the Caltrain Grade Separation and Station Design Citizens Advisory Committee?

Vice Mayor Ruane replied this month’s meeting has been canceled and notices were sent to all members and interested parties. A notice will be placed on the following Council agenda announcing the next meeting date.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence in memory of **Pope John Paul II**. The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 26, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, at 1555 Crystal Springs Road.

Respectfully submitted for approval
at the regular City Council meeting
of April 26, 2005

Ed Simon, City Clerk

Larry Franzella, Mayor